

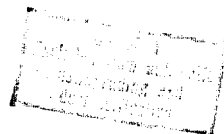
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/I Planning Officer

SUBJECT: Major Accomplishments of OBI

Per your telephone request of 2 February below are brief statements of major accomplishments relative to the principal OBI Programs which you may use as appropriate for budgetary purposes:

1. Some 11 NIS units on Subversion and Insurgency have been produced thus far to meet the DIA request for support of counter-insurgency requirements of the Joint Staff and military commands. Also, with the publication of General Surveys on such countries as China, Cuba, Rhodesia, and Thailand, the past year marked a high point in responsiveness to high-level user requirements for timely NIS coverage. By the end of 1966, single volume General Survey coverage had been provided on 98 countries; only 7% over 4 years old.
2. The EPIC (Electronic Printing for Intelligence Composition) system of printing NIS was implemented in July 1966 as scheduled. This system has received nationwide attention and is expected to result in substantial savings in printing costs as well as processing and printing time. At the present time about 10% of all NIS is being processed through the system and by the end of 1967 at least 50% will be in the system.
3. Geographic research focused on the problems of scientific intelligence nearly doubled, with much of the new effort designed to aid R&D work on exotic intelligence collection devices. Similarly, geographic research related to U.S. policy and estimates increased 50% while the Vietnam War caused a temporary drop in map sheet production in the CIA-DIA intelligence mapping program on Communist China and the USSR. With support of clandestine services at a somewhat reduced but still high level, some 30 detailed analyses were produced of terrain, routes, population and other environmental factors important to operations planning.



4. Cartographic production has gone up another 24% over the past year, about three-fourths of which was in support of current intelligence and the Vietnam War with almost 2,000 maps and graphics prepared on the latter. In response to USIB directive, special effort was made to further basic map research on Communist China; a comprehensive folio of special intelligence maps is scheduled for completion in mid-1967 and a definitive wall map has been published. A long range project was initiated in support

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A major technical accomplishment has been the application of ADP equipment and procedures to cartographic production of maps whereby we will have a machine ability to store and recall the bits of information necessary to depict a portion of the earth's surface in a graphic manner. (In samples attached only type and land and water tints were done by hand.)

5. The publications procurement program has been merged with the map procurement program resulting in savings and efficiencies in both programs. Noteworthy acquisitions of maps include more than 5,000 topographic map sheets on India, seven topographic maps and 123 nautical charts of Communist China and almost total coverage of Czechoslovakia.

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